



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 26, 2010**
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence was held during the Workshop Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was held during the Workshop Session.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Cruikshank, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Nedelka, Councilor Weston.

Also present: City Manager Joyal, City Attorney Krans, and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hooper moved to add the School Board Liaison Report; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison moved to add the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Report and the Legislative Liaison Report; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison moved to change the sponsorship for Item 13.B.1. from Mayor Myers to Councilor Garrison; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weston moved to accept the Agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – CITY PORTION ONLY SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Edward Bleiler, 28 Isaac Lucas Circle: He read a statement to the Council stating that he was aware that he was known as a Gadfly. He said he has the figures to verify everything he has expressed at every meeting. He spoke about Dover being the 12th highest taxed population of the 14 towns in the State with a population above 15,000. He compared the tax rate with Salem, saying the average Dover taxpayer pays \$2,345.31 more in taxes than the average taxpayer in Salem. He spoke about the 37% turnout for the vote on the spending cap, and said



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it was more than the average 18% to 20% turnout for municipal elections. He spoke about his comments at Saturday's Coffee with the Mayor session, where he stated there was \$5 million in uncollected funds, and the Mayor's response that his concerns were ill conceived. He said there was no reason for a spending override. He said there was no need to burden the taxpayers with higher taxes.

Carolyn Mebert, 254 Dover Point Road, School Board Chairperson: She urged the Council to override the budget to allow the School Board to replace the items that were cut from the School and School programs.

Doris Grady, 42 Long Hill Road, School Board Member: She asked the Council, if they were considering an override, to grant the same privilege to the School Board.

Timothy Paiva, 4 Cailey Anna Lane, President of the Seacoast Swim Team: He said he hoped to be put on the new Dover Pool Advisory Committee. He thanked the Council for their proactive thinking and support. He mentioned the 400 people present in the Auditorium who came in support of the pools, of which approximately 300 are Dover residents. He said they need to market the pools regionally, but it was not an overnight solution to close the budget gap. He asked the Council for time.

Dawn Haines, 17 Elm Street: She said she was proud to live in Dover. She said she has applied to be on the Dover Pool Advisory Committee. She said they hope to form a partnership with the Council.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to suspend the rules to allow non-resident Jenny Thompson to speak to the Council; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Jenny Thompson: She said her mother moved her family to Dover in 1986 because of all the services that Dover had to offer. She appreciated the Council's support in keeping the pools open. She spoke about the march that she participated in from the pool to the City Hall. She said she was able to live the dream of going to the Olympics.

Robert Kent, 6 Western Avenue: He thanked the Council for putting in the bench. He said he supported the Mounted Patrol, because they were good PR for the kids.

Timothy DeKorne, Dover Main Street Vice Chairperson: He thanked the Council for recognizing the value the City received from Dover Main Street, which is several times what the City has invested.

Elizabeth Malia, 17 Horne Street: She asked the Council to support the pools.

Betsy Andrews-Parker, 24 Gladiola Way: She said there is a method in place for the Council to override. She asked the Council to keep the City and Schools whole, and maintain the current infrastructure.



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Kirt Schuman, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Executive Director: He spoke on behalf of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. He said they conducted a survey of the membership on what were appropriate areas to be restored in the budget, and if an override was favored. He listed the priorities of the Chamber of Commerce of items to be restored to the budget: Fire Department Staffing Levels, Dover Main Street, Streets and Sidewalks, Outdoor pool, Cochecho Arts Festival, and City Planner position.

Arthur Pelletier, 94 Back River Road, Friends of Dover Library Chairperson: He asked for the Council's support to restore \$30,000 to the Dover Library's budget. He said it equates to 1/3 of 1% of the tax rate. He said the Library attendance has increased during this down economy.

Roberta Brondolo, 217 Tolend Road, former Mounted Police Volunteer: She said she has first-hand knowledge of the value that the Mounted Patrol gives the community. She spoke about all the areas where the Mounted Patrol help out.

Carolyn Spencer, 29 Mount Vernon Street: She spoke in support of the Mounted Patrol.

Peter Knight, 6 Back Road: He spoke in support of the pools.

Raymond Donner, 28 Schooner Drive: He said he was a landlord, and owned many properties throughout the State. He said he based his rent increases on the CPI – Boston, and it was written into the contract with his tenants. He felt the Council was breaking the contract with the citizens in overriding the tax cap.

Allyssa Roy, 7 Deer Creek Run: She spoke of her experiences at the pools, learning cooperation and teamwork.

Ann Schultz, 10 Roberts Road, Library Trustee: She said the City is blessed with Director Cathy Beaudoin, because she has done a wonderful job making the Library more efficient. She asked the Council to restore the Library funding.

Thomas Lamy, 9 Deepwood Drive: He said he did not support a tax cap override. He said the City Manager should go back and find other areas in the budget to cut. He said Councilor Cheney has some very good ideas. He spoke about fund balance. He also recommended in this computer age to bill taxes monthly.

Bethany Holmes Geller, 18 Westwood Circle: She spoke in opposition to overriding the tax cap. She said the City has spent money too frivolously. She said the Council is being influenced by the pool supporters. She said it wasn't a necessity, and the Council must support its constituents.

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He said the Budget book is \$84 million in appropriations, and it is his opinion that the City can keep the pools, recreation, and provide some more money to the Schools, and still not have an override. He spoke about the \$229,000 in the Parking Fund and said there should be a resolution and public hearing on it, because he felt there should be that



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amount of taxpayer money in the fund that hasn't been voted on. He spoke about the \$5.1 million in Fund Balance, and said it could go to 5% without lowering the City's rating. He spoke about the increase in spending for DoverNet. He spoke about subsidies, and said he felt the City should not be providing subsidies during these difficult economic times. He spoke about the \$118,000 cost for COAST, but that there was no revenue for the City. He spoke about the \$67,000 expense for bonding, and felt the City shouldn't do any bonding and eliminate that expense. He spoke about the \$20,000 expense of the Local Government Center, and said the Mayor, as a Board of Director Member, should recuse himself from the vote on the budget.

Fergus Cullen, 152 Boxwood Lane: He asked the Council not to override the tax cap. He said he moved to Dover because of the promise that taxes will not be raised unnecessarily. He said this wasn't an emergency. He said the Council needed to deal with personnel, not \$10 per hour lifeguards at the pools and reduced Library hours. He agreed with Mr. Scott's opinion that the City could use the Fund Balance down to 5% without affecting the City's credit. He said there was a use it or lose it incentive to spend within the City, and suggested rewarding managers with bonuses for not spending.

Debra Hanna, 419 Old Garrison Road: She said she supported a modest tax cap override. She believed that the priority list the Council has been discussing is worth it to continue the vitality of the community.

Ronald Huml, 199 Mast Road: He spoke about the Budget book, saying that he knew it as well as the City Manager. He spoke about the retirement insurance being removed from each department, but the amount being left in the departments' budgets. He said he wasn't for the tax cap override, but felt if it was done that it should not be part of the tax base for next year. He spoke about the list of 280 personnel in the back of the Budget book. He said 5% make over \$100,000 in wages, 6 between \$90,000 and \$100,000, 41 between \$70,000 and \$90,000, 98 between \$50,000 and \$60,000, and 140 or half between \$4,000 and \$50,000. He went over the wages after you add in fringe benefits. He also added that he has nothing but good to say about every department in the City. He spoke about the 4 donations that the City has received, two \$100 donations for the pool, one \$250 donation for the Police Department, and one \$250 donation for the Fire Department. He noted that they weren't Councilors or School Board members.

Carol Boc, 8 Arch Street, Library Board of Trustees Chairperson: She requested that the Council restore the funding for the Library.

William Colbath, 129 Silver Street: He asked the Council not to override the tax cap unless absolutely necessary. He mentioned that there was a \$1.6 million shortfall, which represents less than 2% of the budget. He said all departments should be able to find 2%. He urged the Council to use the Parking Reserve Fund. He said the City should get the land back that it gave to the Mill complex to build a parking garage. He spoke about the deep hole across the street, referring to the waterfront project, and stated that they were promised that it would be a self-funding operation.



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Theodore Anglace, 23 Wallace Drive: He said his taxes have doubled over the past ten years, and urged the Council not to override the spending cap. He mentioned reasons to have an override, but felt this possible override was for nice-to-have items.

Richard Callaghan, 32 Horne Street: He said he did not support an override of the spending cap. He said an override is meant for a catastrophe. He said the City can use the fund balance, which was a rainy day fund. He said people will not stop coming to Dover because the streets aren't kept up, but they will stop if the pools are closed. He said the Fire Department, Police Department, City Planner position, pools, and Library should be restored. He suggested removing \$100,000 from the contingency fund for DoverNet, \$228,000 from the Parking Garage, \$100,000 from Miscellaneous General Government, \$90,000 from Recreation, \$500 from the City Council's Contingency Fund. He said after all that another \$100,000 can be taken from DoverNet, because it is overstaffed. He said the rest of the money should come out of Fund Balance.

John Leggett, Penny Lane: He applauded the residents of Dover. He said the SOS committee took immediate action to save the pools. He spoke about funding non-core services and activities privately, and not forced-funding through property taxes.

Michael Egan, 150 Sixth Street, Library Board of Trustee Member: He urged the Council to restore funding to the Library.

Maurice Olivier, 67A Glenwood Avenue: He said he wasn't sure what the general public voted on in 2007. He said people asked him to sign a petition to reduce taxes in Dover, and not saying they were supporting a tax cap. He said he was pleased with Councilor Cruikshank's work and dedication, and he trusted the whole Council will represent him. He said Councilor Cruikshank has only recently said she supported an override, and he and his wife support her decision in favor of a modest override of the tax cap.

Michele Holt-Shannon, 14 Florence Street: She said she supports a responsible budget that keeps the City whole, and felt the Council would not be breaking a contract if they override the tax cap.

Britt Schuman, 30 Cushing Street: She asked how they can be proud of Dover if they have mediocre schools, understaffed Fire and Police Departments, the Library is closed, and there are empty pools. She asked if it was a good responsible decision to save a few hundred bucks per average household when you compare it to what we will lose. She said she was not a fan of the tax cap.

Joyce El Kouarti, 19 Northway Circle: She commended the Council for focusing on items that have a strong return on investment. She said she supported the tax cap with the override provision for emergencies. She said she wanted all the items people have listed, but she cannot support an override for these recurring expenses. She said the City needed to try harder to cut expenses. They needed to collaborate with other communities to consolidate services.



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John Pomerleau, 19 Hubbard Road: He asked the Council to take a long term strategic view for the City. He said the Council has an opportunity to take all this input and make a simple compromise to control spending, have limited impact on taxes, and not spurn economic development in the wrong way.

Janet Perry, 37 Arch Street, and business owner at 386 Central Avenue: She asked the Council to reconsider and reconfigure the budget so they can keep the quality of life. She spoke about the many things that are important for businesses. She spoke about other ways to raise revenue. She said the mills were emptying out and there wasn't as great a need for parking.

Bart Jordan, 303 Central Towers: He said something had to give. He said it wasn't all up to the Council. He said people in Dover care, and asked the Council to ask them to be creative participants in reviewing the budget.

John Scruton, 99 Sixth Street: He referred to the early '90s and the push for commercial development that was going to pay taxes. He said his taxes are still increasing. He said he was for the tax cap. He said they had to try something new instead of building, and try a sustainable agriculture master plan. He said the City should keep scenic roads and rural character.

Raymond Bardwell, 199 Spur Road: He said there was good input tonight, and it was time for the City Manager and Department Heads to relook at everything. He referred to the 5,000 calls that the Fire Department took last year, of which only 255 were fire calls. He said the big trucks should not be following ambulances and unlocking cars. He spoke about \$725,000 that was just to pay for overtime. He felt the City should close or dramatically cut back the Downtown Fire Station. He said the City cannot afford to rebuild every road in Dover. He said there should also be a salary review for those that are overpaid and underpaid. He spoke about the waterfront and how the developer was given a five year extension on paying the \$1 million. He said people cannot afford to live here when they retire.

Robert Cloutier, 11 Shady Lane: He said wages and benefits are the major expense to the City. He said people are losing their jobs or getting their salaries cut, but he isn't seeing that with the City. He said the Council needed to honor the contract.

Mayor Myers, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

8. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Kenneth Appel, 16 Isaac Lucas Circle, School Board Member: He said as a homeowner he agrees that the Fire and Police Department should not be diminished. He said he was happy that the Council is willing to support the pools. He was concerned about the long term obligation to provide a decent education. He said the City wants the schools to address the problems in adequacy and in particular the NECAP exams. He said that would take a lot of



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work, and the need to improve the curriculum. He said the School Board cut the new curriculum to meet the tax cap. He asked the Council to give the same percentage to the School as the City will receive if the Council decides to override.

Britt Schuman, 30 Cushing Street: She said schools make or break a community. She said they are losing great teachers to other communities, because Dover doesn't pay as much. She said she works for a large firm in Dover, and said many of her co-workers don't live in Dover because they don't feel the schools are any good. She said if the City doesn't do something about it that will become a reality.

Ellen Barton, 133 Garrison Road: She referred to the numerous articles she has read in the newspaper about the tax cap and where the money would be put should an override become a reality. She said she has noticed that the pools are important to the Council, and agreed with them. She said she did notice that the School's budget is not on any of the Councilor's priorities, and she is frustrated by this. She hopes the Council will value education as much as it values recreation. She urged the Council to increase the funding to the School.

David Dinzeo, 24 Birch Drive, Solid Waste Advisory Commission Chairperson: He spoke about the new contract for solid waste collection.

David Bamford, 175 Gulf Road: He spoke about politicians and their need to consider their conscience. He said he remembered his father saying that education makes all men equal. He spoke about Barack Obama's first rate education, even though he was dealt a difficult hand. He said Dover's public schools have fallen behind.

Janet Perry, 37 Arch Street, and business owner at 386 Central Avenue: She spoke about her grandson in school and the trouble he had making up school work when he was out sick for a few days. She said the City is giving less to the children than they were given. She urged the Council to consider the School's Budget as more important.

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He asked about more public hearings on the budget. He also asked if some members on the Council should recuse themselves from the vote on the entire budget because of a possible conflict of interest. He said they must not ignore the difficult financial times we are in. He said the Council must represent the residents of Dover, and not the City. He said the City is a corporation that provides services. He said anything that is voted for an override means more taxes.

Joy Koblenzer, 3 Emery Lane: She said she was encouraged that the Council is considering a tax cap override. She said she agreed with the Council's list of items to put back into the budget, but she also felt the School was very important to add back in.

Raymond Bardwell, 199 Spur Road: He spoke about the Newington/Dover agreement with the State of New Hampshire. He said he learned at the Transportation Advisory Commission meeting that the maintenance agreement includes Boston Harbor Road, Dover Point Road, and



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Hilton Park. He said it had nothing to do with Spur Road and opening up the designs. He said there were discussions about a round-about and their concerns.

Richard Callaghan, 32 Horne Street: He said he didn't agree with overriding the tax cap, but if the Council does override the tax cap, then the School should receive the same amount.

Michele Holt-Shannon, 14 Florence Street: She asked for a responsible budget that includes the School.

Peter Schmidt, 53 Fourth Street, State Legislator for Wards 1 & 2: He asked the Council to consider the citizens suggestions and look at every last number. He said if it is not found then the Council should override the tax cap. He said Wards 1 & 2 voted against the tax cap, and he was a strong opponent of the tax cap. He said if the Council decides to override the tax cap, to consider the school as the most important expenditure.

Mayor Myers, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Citizen's Forum.

Mayor Myers called for a five minute recess.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal said he has submitted a written report.

Councilor Weston referred to comments that she has heard and asked if the City really rents out the horses.

City Manager Joyal said the horses are used in other communities and they reimburse us for the costs involved.

Councilor Weston referred to the comments about the Mill complex building a garage, and the possibility of getting the land back.

City Manager Joyal said he was not familiar with what transpired back in the 1980s. He said he would look into it.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the City Manager's Report; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 9/0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **May 5, 2010 – Workshop**
- B. **May 5, 2010 – Special Meeting**
- C. **May 12, 2010 – Workshop**
- D. **May 12, 2010 – Regular Meeting**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the Minutes as presented; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

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11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers said he attended the DARE graduation. The Fiscal Policy Committee meeting continues to meet, and they are meeting again tomorrow. The Cochecho River Clean-Up Day was a wonderful event. He went to Little League opening day. He attended a Municipal Advisory Committee meeting in Concord. He said there was a robust discussion at the Coffee with the Mayor gathering at Café on the Corner. He said being on the Board of Directors for the Local Government Center does not create a conflict with voting on anything City related. Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilor Weston. Vote: 9/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2nd READING – None

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3rd READING – None

C. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE NEWINGTON/DOVER PROJECT (TO BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to remove from the table and moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

City Manager Joyal discussed what this agreement entailed and the whole project with the Council.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. RESOLUTION: SETTING THE VOTING HOURS FOR THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**
- 2. RESOLUTION: B10070 CATCH BASIN CLEANING
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**
- 3. RESOLUTION: B10071 CRACK CLEANING SERVICES
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**



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4. RESOLUTION: B10073 TASER EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. School Board Liaison | 7. Solid Waste Advisory Commission |
| 2. Planning Board | 8. Transportation Advisory Commission |
| 3. Appointments Committee | 9. Joint Building Committee – Horne Street |
| 4. Recreation Advisory Committee | 10. Joint Building Committee – School Cable Studio |
| 5. McConnell Center Advisory Committee | 11. Joint Building Committee – Woodman Park |
| 6. Arts Commission | 12. Legislative Liaison |

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Councilor Garrison asked to pull the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report and the Legislative Liaison Report.

Councilor Cheney asked to pull Item 13.A.2.

Mayor Myers asked for a Roll Call Vote on the remaining items of the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for the approval of Item 13.A.2.; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Councilor Cheney asked why the City was going out for bid on this, because the City has its own truck.

City Manager Joyal said with new regulations they don't have the manpower to complete 50% of the catch basins per year.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison gave an overview of his Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report.

Councilor Cruikshank moved to accept the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Carrier moved to suspend the rules to continue the meeting after 10:30 pm to complete the Agenda; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison gave an overview of his Legislative Liaison Report.

Mayor Myers updated the information on HB1393 from the meeting held earlier in the day.

Councilor Weston moved to accept the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.



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B. RESOLUTIONS

1. **B10040 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – DISPOSAL-RECYCLING** SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR GARRISON

Councilor Garrison moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank. Councilor Garrison discussed the Resolution with the Council. He said that it was recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission that Pinard remain the vendor for solid waste collection.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

2. **B10056 NORTH END WATER TANK AND PRESSURE ZONE** SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank. City Manager Joyal discussed what this will do for the City. He said it was the first part of the process for designing the water tower.

Councilor Cheney asked what was involved in the separate zones.

City Manager Joyal said it was a single water system with pressure valves between the two zones.

Roll Call Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

3. **REQUEST TO REPROGRAM CIP FUNDS FROM HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT TO HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION MASONRY REPLACEMENT (REQUIRES 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)** **(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 9, 2010)** SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to refer to a public hearing on June 9, 2010; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING – None

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

A. LETTER FROM BERWICK ACADEMY – dated May 17, 2010

B. LETTER FROM MEGHAN MILLER

C. LETTER FROM PETER MARCOS – dated May 22, 2010

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the correspondence and place on file; seconded by Councilor Weston.

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15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Cheney spoke about the comments and discussions that have they have had as a Council. She said the Council worked as a team last year when they were told that some amount was being downshifted from the State. She spoke about overriding the tax cap last year. She said they will have to do some work again this year. She said the buck stops here. She said the City portion of the tax cap was higher than it should be under the tax cap. She spoke about using Fund Balances and how the credit rating might not be affected. She discussed that the tax lien percentage went up last year. She felt they could find the money within the budget and not override the tax cap.

Mayor Myers asked for clarification on overriding the tax cap last year. He said they could have raised taxes by 3.8%, but the City actually only used 2.2% or 2.3%.

City Manager Joyal referred to his chart that he sent to the Council. He said the City has never exceeded the tax cap.

Councilor Carrier said he would like a list of revenue savings that people were mentioning.

Mayor Myers asked the City Manager to get this to the Council as soon as possible. He discussed the use of fund balance in prior years.

Councilor Nedelka said they should continue to work on the budget. He apologized to the people he upset when he mentioned the anti-tax crowd two weeks ago during Councilor Matters of Interest. He was talking about one person, and not all the people who spoke at the podium. He went over the tax lien process.

Councilor Weston said she was disappointed that the School Board did not prioritize their list. She said she was glad to see people talk about getting the money from the budget, because she referred to comments from the City Manager that next year will be worse. She spoke about the \$725,000 in overtime for the Fire Department and that the known expenses were just over \$300,000. She felt the remaining \$400,000 was excessive. She discussed the staffing at the Central Fire Station. She asked the City Manager for a list of fund balances and projected leftover CIP funds.

Councilor Garrison said he attended the Arts on Local Development presentation last week. He said members of the Arts Commission told him that they are desperately in need of Council representation. He said he also learned that the Children's Museum is hosting another free family night on June 4th.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Carrier moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.